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WEEK DAYS

STATIONS	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	NOON	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon...Dep.	6.40	9.15	10.30	12.00	1.15	4.35	5.25
Yammat...Dep.	6.45	9.20	10.35	12.05	1.20	4.40	5.30
Shatin...Dep.	7.00	9.30	10.45	12.20	1.35	4.55	5.45
Taipei...Dep.	7.15	9.45	11.00	12.35	1.50	5.10	6.00
Taipei Market...Dep.	7.20	9.50	11.05	12.40	1.55	5.15	6.05
Fanning...Dep.	7.30	10.00	11.15	12.50	2.05	5.25	6.15
Shungshui...Dep.	7.35	10.05	11.20	12.55	2.10	5.30	6.20
Shungshui...Arr.	7.40	10.10	11.25	13.00	2.15	5.35	6.25

STATIONS	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	NOON	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Shungshui...Dep.	7.20	9.50	11.05	12.40	3.00	4.15	5.15
Shungshui...Arr.	7.25	9.55	11.10	12.45	3.05	4.20	5.20
Fanning...Dep.	7.30	10.00	11.15	12.50	3.10	4.25	5.25
Fanning...Arr.	7.35	10.05	11.20	12.55	3.15	4.30	5.30
Taipei Market...Dep.	7.40	10.10	11.25	13.00	3.20	4.35	5.35
Taipei Market...Arr.	7.45	10.15	11.30	13.05	3.25	4.40	5.40
Shatin...Dep.	7.50	10.20	11.35	13.10	3.30	4.45	5.45
Shatin...Arr.	7.55	10.25	11.40	13.15	3.35	4.50	5.50
Yammat...Dep.	8.00	10.30	11.45	13.20	3.40	4.55	5.55
Yammat...Arr.	8.05	10.35	11.50	13.25	3.45	5.00	6.00
Kowloon...Arr.	8.10	10.40	11.55	13.30	3.50	5.05	6.05

SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

STATIONS	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	NOON	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon...Dep.	6.40	9.15	10.30	12.00	1.15	4.35	5.25
Yammat...Dep.	6.50	9.25	10.40	12.10	1.25	4.45	5.35
Shatin...Dep.	7.05	9.40	10.55	12.25	1.40	4.60	5.50
Taipei...Dep.	7.20	9.55	11.10	12.40	1.55	4.75	6.05
Taipei Market...Dep.	7.25	10.00	11.15	12.45	2.00	4.80	6.10
Fanning...Dep.	7.35	10.10	11.25	12.55	2.10	4.90	6.20
Shungshui...Dep.	7.40	10.15	11.30	13.00	2.15	5.00	6.25
Shungshui...Arr.	7.45	10.20	11.35	13.05	2.20	5.05	6.30

STATIONS	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	NOON	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Shungshui...Dep.	8.12	10.58	11.40	13.00	4.17	5.40	6.09
Shungshui...Arr.	8.18	10.54	11.47	13.07	4.23	5.46	6.16
Fanning...Dep.	8.23	10.59	11.51	13.11	4.28	5.51	6.20
Fanning...Arr.	8.29	11.04	12.02	13.17	4.34	5.57	6.26
Taipei Market...Dep.	8.37	11.04	12.07	13.25	4.42	6.05	6.34
Taipei Market...Arr.	8.41	11.07	12.11	13.29	4.46	6.09	6.38
Shatin...Dep.	8.51	11.17	12.21	13.38	4.55	6.18	6.47
Shatin...Arr.	8.55	11.21	12.25	13.42	4.59	6.22	6.51
Yammat...Dep.	9.02	11.28	12.33	13.50	5.07	6.30	6.58
Yammat...Arr.	9.11	11.37	12.41	13.58	5.15	6.38	7.07
Kowloon...Arr.	9.11	11.37	12.41	13.58	5.15	6.38	7.07

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Fanning...Dep.	7.45	11.30	2.20	6.25	7.45	11.30	2.20
Shatin...Arr.	8.40	12.25	3.15	7.20	8.40	12.25	3.15

STATIONS	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	NOON	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Shatin...Dep.	7.45	11.30	2.20	6.25	7.45	11.30	2.20
Shatin...Arr.	8.40	12.25	3.15	7.20	8.40	12.25	3.15

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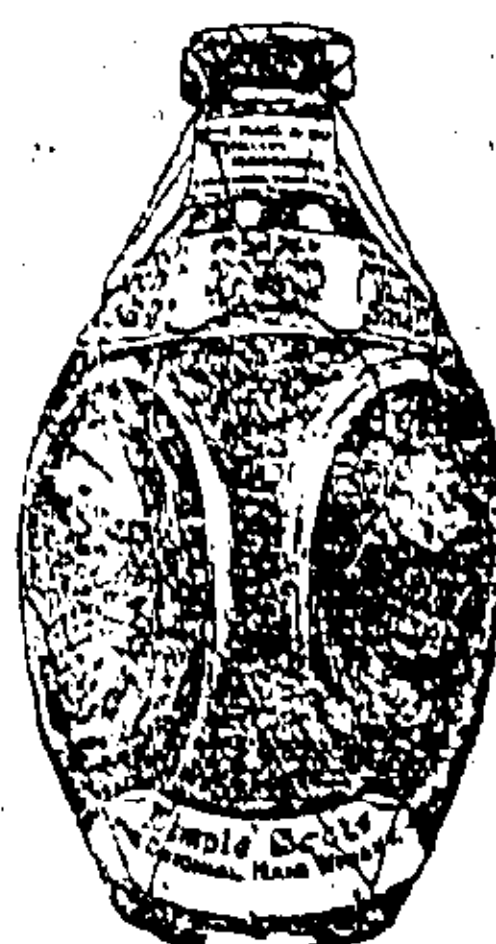
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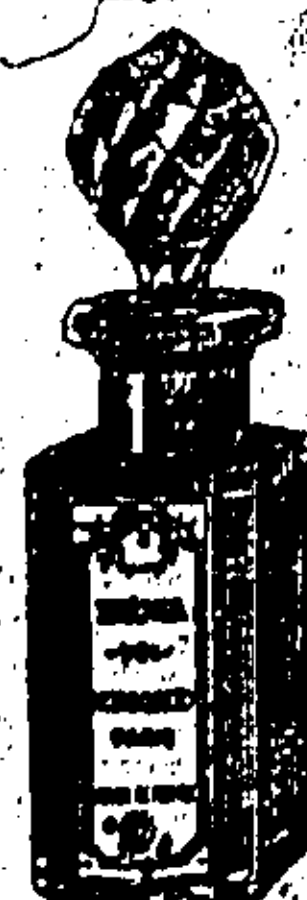
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HONGKONG & CHINA GAS CO., LTD. [2445]

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO.,
LIMITED.

As practically all the Chinese Employees have Absented themselves from Work and the Remainder of the Staff is required for the maintenance of the Electric Supply, the Company asks Consignees to Call at the HEAD OFFICE, P. & O. BUILDING (3rd Floor), and Pay their Accounts (which are now ready).

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 13th July, 1925. [2432]

HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT
AND AGENCY CO., LTD.

At the Request of the Hongkong Stock Exchange and the Hongkong Share-Brokers Association the Closing of the Register of Shares of this Company has been POSTPONED.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND of Two Dollars per share for the Six Months ending 30th June will be Payable on THURSDAY, AUGUST 13th, on which date Dividend Warrants may be obtained on Application at the Company's Office, 11 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 30th Inst. to WEDNESDAY, the 12th AUGUST, 1925 (both days inclusive), during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
L. S. GREENHILL,
Secretary.
Hongkong, July 17th, 1925. [2433]

CHEFOO HARBOUR IMPROVEMENT
COMMISSION.

NOTICE.

THE TENDERS for the STEEL CARGO SHEDS to be Erected on the NORTHERN END of the MOLE were Examined by the CHEFOO HARBOUR COMMISSION on TUESDAY, the 7th INSTANT.

The services of Mr. A. P. DOWGLASS, Architect, were obtained to advise the Commission on the selection of a Tender. On his advice and that received from the Harbour Master, Chief, Captain H. E. OLSEN, and Mr. P. L. TSAI, Maintenance Engineer of Harbour Works, the Commission decided to accept the Tender of Messrs. ANDERSEN, MEYER & Co., Shanghai.

The Tender is accepted subject to a Final decision by the Harbour Commission to Erect the CARGO SHEDS.

BENE DANJOU,
Treasurer,
CHEFOO HARBOUR IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION. [2447]

INTIMATIONS

MID-LEVELS ASSOCIATION.

A MEETING of the above Association will be held at the LADIES' RECREATION CLUB on TUESDAY, the 21st JULY at 8 p.m., for the purpose of Electing Officers, Passing the Rules, and other Business including Resolutions relating to Servants' Wages and Registrations. It is hoped that as many Persons as possible will Attend. [2443]

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE AND THE HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the POSTPONED JUNE SETTLEMENT will be held on THURSDAY, the 23rd JULY, 1925.

By Order of the Committee,
A. NISSIM, Secretary,
HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.
J. W. KEW, Secretary,
HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION. [2425]

NOTICE.

THE SHARE & REAL ESTATE BROKERS' SOCIETY OF HONGKONG.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the POSTPONED JUNE SETTLEMENT will take Place on THURSDAY, 23rd JULY, 1925.
By Order of the Committee,
M. FERNANDEZ,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 4th July, 1925. [2355]

HONGKONG AND TERRITORIAL
ESTATES, LIMITED.

WITH reference to the Notice dated the 14th APRIL, 1925, sent to Shareholders of the Company whereby a Final Call of \$5.00 per share was made payable upon the 15th JULY, 1925, the General Managers have decided in view of the Present Condition of Affairs to Extend the Time for Payment of this Call.

Notice is Accordingly Herewith Given that the said Date for Payment of the said Final Call is Extended until the 15th OCTOBER, 1925, and that the Form of Bankers Receipt already sent to Shareholders can be used as though the Date named therein were the 15th OCTOBER, 1925. For HONGKONG AND TERRITORIAL ESTATES, LIMITED.
SHEWAN TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.
Dated 14th July, 1925. [2424]

FOR SALE.

BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT NAVY DEPARTMENT.

"AS IS" AND "WHERE IS" THE U.S.S. "AJAX" ex COLLIER "SCINDIA".

FOR Full Particulars regarding Terms of Sale and Inspection of Vessel, apply to the SUPPLY OFFICER, U.S. NAVAL STATION, OAYAMA, E.I.
Vessel Open for Inspection from JULY 19th, 1925, to AUGUST 13th, 1925, both Dates inclusive, between the Hours of 8.00 A.M. and 4.00 P.M., SUNDAYS and HOLIDAYS EXCEPTED. BIDS will be Publicly Opened at 2.00 P.M. AUGUST 14th, 1925.
Copies of Circular Proposals may be obtained at AMERICAN CONSULATE-GENERAL. [2435]

TO LET.

OFFICE in UNION BUILDING—TWO ROOMS on FOURTH FLOOR.

Apply to:
UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD. [2173]

TO LET.

GODOWNS in ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS (Basement).

Apply—
SECRETARY,
A. S. WATSON & Co., Ltd. [2082]

TO LET.

COMMODIOUS SHOP and PREMISES in ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS from 1st SEPTEMBER NEXT.

Apply—
SECRETARY,
A. S. WATSON & Co., Ltd. [2289]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

S.S. "KASHGAR"

FROM LONDON AND PORTS.

ARRIVED HONGKONG, 9th JULY, 1925.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per S.S. "KASHGAR" are hereby informed that owing to the Strike part of the Cargo for HONGKONG has been overcarried to KONG. When conditions permit this Cargo will be brought back to HONGKONG Free of Freight but all Expenses in connection with Landing, Storing and Reshipping at KONG will be for Consignees' account.
No Insurance whatever has been or will be effected by the STEAMSHIP COMPANY. [2433]

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INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.

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Current Accounts opened and Fixed Deposits received for the year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.

A. H. FERGUSON,
Manager.
Hongkong, April 16th, 1925. [30]

INTIMATIONS

THE SPIRIT
INCOMPARABLE.

True to the last echo of
friendship, ready to guard
and to give.

Fine as the health of the
Highlands; strong and
generous too.

For such, is the worth of
a Clansman, and—

DEWAR'S.

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As supplied to the Houses
of Lords and Commons.

By Royal Appointment to
His Majesty The King.

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& CO., LTD.

BIRTH.

BAINES.—At No. 402, The Peak, on July 19th, to Mr. and Mrs. L. BAINES, a daughter. [2449]

MARRIAGES.

HEREFORD—LUCY, in London, on June 13th, by the Right Rev. the Bishop of Singapore, assisted by the Rev. Harold F. Webb-Bowen, GEORGE ARTHUR REEVE, of the Malayan Civil Service, to LILLIAN FLORENCE LUCY, of Chalco, Addlestone.

THOMPSON—KELLY.—At Abbotsham, Devon, on June 10th, Lieut. GERALD HUBERT THOMPSON, R.N., to KATHLEEN MARY, younger daughter of Major-General F. H. KELLY, O.B., O.M.G., and Mrs. KELLY.

DEATHS.

BULLOCK.—At Woodlawn, Oxford, on July 19th, Mrs. T. LOWNDEN BULLOCK, mother of Lady SEVERN. [2443]

KING.—At Strathpey, Finchley, on June 18th, ARMINIE RICHARD KING, son of ARMINIE ROSE and CECILY KATHLEEN THORNLEY KING, of Batavia, Java, aged 7.

WATTS.—At Ealing, on June 8th, CHARLOTTE WILLIAMINA EWANK, widow of ROBERT WATTS, Forfar.

Hongkong Office: 14, Chater Road.
London Office: 131, Fleet Street, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JULY 21st, 1925.

TRADE OUTLOOK IN BRITAIN.

Public opinion in Great Britain is deeply stirred by the gloomy accounts that are published about the present state of industry and trade. There is no doubt whatever that things are in a serious condition, and to the thinking section of the nation there is cause for grave anxiety. The position of affairs nationally has been forced into prominence in recent weeks by two factors that are unescapable in any considered view of the situation—the slump in trade which has become general, and the rise in the numbers of unemployed. In all the great staple industries the cry is the same; there is not enough work, and the prospect is that by next winter there will be still less. Orders which would normally have been placed in England are withheld altogether or are given to foreign countries.

"We won the war," says the British manufacturer sadly, as he surveys his machinery standing idle, "but we are not reaping the fruits of victory." In the big shipbuilding centre of the North, for example, new construction is at a standstill, and contracts for ships that ought to be signed for work there have been given to Dutch and German. They can do the work so much cheaper that it is not a business proposition to give it to English firms. There is lamentation on the part of the steel trade, on behalf of which a tentative proposal has already been made to the effect that this industry ought to be granted a measure of protection under the Safeguarding of Industries Act. Everyone knows that for a considerable period Lancashire has been under a cloud for the simple reason that the goods for which Lancashire is famed all over the world cannot find a market. The selling price is too high. We need not at the moment add to the list of industries which are depressed to an extent outside previous experience. It is enough now to say that coal mining—the industry which, in a country like England, is the life-blood of all other industries—is in worse case than those already mentioned, and that the long threatened crisis in the coal-fields is coming to a head. We shall deal with that subject on a future occasion.

With regard to unemployment, the latest official figures available give the number of people on the unemployment registers in Great Britain as 1,291,800. This is more than a quarter of a million in excess of the figure this time last year. What is the explanation? At home there is a better Government than that which was in power a year ago under the unstable Premiership of Mr. RAMSAY MACDONALD; and, excepting the Far East, the world at large is more settled now than it was then. But, as we have said, trade is worse. Some of the pundits who set up as experts to direct public opinion and instruct Ministers in the art of ruling the Empire are all for Protection, as the sovereign remedy. They want the country to adopt the gospel of the late Mr. JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN in his rampant Tariff Reform days. Unfortunately they do not explain how a tax on raw material entering Great Britain required for the manufacture of articles for export is going to aid the British manufacturer to sell his goods more cheaply abroad than he can do at the present time without any tax at all.

In a country situated like Britain a general tariff seems to us a counsel of despair, and we find that it is regarded in that light in the leading British newspapers apart from the political journals which are traditionally wedded to Protection. We have stated some of the salient facts of the situation respecting the trade outlook. It is a situation which is unparalleled. But it is always wise, and therefore desirable, to look at facts squarely, and not attempt to ignore them. We are pleased to know that people at home are now being told the truth about how the country stands particularly in regard to its export trade; and one hopeful sign of the times is that trade union leaders are finding it to their interest to inform the working classes that they must do their bit to help employers to pull the country round.

Mr. C. T. CHAMP, the Secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, is a leader who, in this respect, realises and acts upon the obligations of his position. We refer to him in particular because he has said bluntly what other trade union leaders have been thinking for some time, and will be saying themselves to-morrow. Speaking at a meeting of railwaymen a few days before our last mail advices were dispatched Mr. CHAMP declared that he did not depreciate the strike weapon, but it was useless to blind oneself to the fact that no strike could meet the present situation. "You cannot make the foreigner buy more of your coal by the biggest strike you ever had," he said. "We live by our exports, and trade unionists who think that the problems of industry are an affair between employers and workers have yet to grasp the crisis that confronts them."

There is courageous common sense in that view of the industrial position as it affects the old country. It helps to dispel the feeling of pessimism which is apt to seize one when a general survey is taken of the field of industry. When organized labour perceives that strikes before co-operation between masters and men is acknowledged to be both necessary and desirable.

There was a full return of notifiable diseases in the Colony during the 48 hours ended on July 19th.

The new road via Wongneicheong Gap which was recently damaged by the floods was opened yesterday.

A meeting of the Peak Residents' Association was held at the Peak Club yesterday evening. The proceedings were private.

Mr. E. W. Hamilton being indisposed yesterday morning, his place at the Kowloon Magistracy was taken by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest.

Acting-Corporal H. G. B. Burns, of the Infantry Company, Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

The ordinary time table was resumed yesterday on the Kowloon-Canton Railway, after a slight interruption owing to a wash-out near bridge No. 9.

A part of the road between Shatin and Taiipo is closed owing to the four-span bridge having been washed away. The Castle Peak Road must, therefore, be now used by motorists who wish to go to Fanling.

In recognition of his having attempted to save a Chinese boy who fell into the Middle Yangtze River, at Ichang, the bronze medal of the Royal Humane Society has been awarded to Mr. E. Johnson, of the s.s. *Shansi*.

Two mishaps to War Department launches occurred during the week-end. The *Tommy Atkins* went aground at Green Island and sustained damage to her bows, part of the stem piece having been torn away, and the *Umphal*, also went aground, but has been refloated.

Mr. L. W. Franklin, Consul attached to the U.S. Consulate-General in Hongkong, was married at Fredericksburg, Virginia, on June 18th, to Miss Butler B. T. Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick H. Robinson. Mr. and Mrs. Franklin will arrive in Hongkong shortly.

Capt. Tabata, of the O.S.K. s.s. *Hozan Maru*, has reported that on Saturday at 6 a.m., when half a mile off the Lammoeks Lighthouse, he observed three rockets fired. He stopped his vessel and a signal was hoisted indicating that all the lanterns on the lighthouse had been destroyed.

H.M.S. *Concord* has left for the North to join the Fleet. The French gunboat *Argol* has left for Canton and the U.S. destroyer *Simpson* for an unknown destination. Vessels in Harbour yesterday were H.M.S. *Titanica*, and the submarine *L33*, H.M.A.S. *Brisbane* and the U.S. ships *Ashville* and *Bulmer*.

According to a Home paper, among the thirty overseas districts represented in the Masonic benevolent effort for 1925 appear Japan and Northern China with contributions of between £300 and £100. Below the £100 mark are Hongkong and Southern China. The total from overseas was £3,323, and the grand total £280,720.

Yesterday morning's *Tsun Wan Yat Po* announced that a meeting of about a hundred Chinese landlords and property brokers was held at the Hang Fa Lau restaurant, just below Paddy's Market, on Sunday afternoon. Among the questions discussed was that of the tiding over of loans on property, reduced rates of hypothecation, etc., during the present stress.

Mr. A. M. Powell, after a visit to China and Japan this spring, writes to *The Times* blaming the cinematograph as the main cause of the present unrest. He says: "The worst and cheapest sort of American films were everywhere shown and the Chinese were taking to it like ducks to water, the result being (a very natural) contempt for Europe and America in general."

Having been excused the full term of detention in the quarantine anchorage (an American lady in the second class contracted small-pox between Shanghai and Hongkong), the R.M.S. *Empress of Australia* left for Manila to her scheduled time. Before her departure the vessel was fumigated and all precautions taken. The services of four men volunteers for stewards were accepted from Hongkong.

The s.s. *Kum Sang* arrived in port yesterday morning, bringing the mails from Europe via Singapore, letters and papers (London, June 18th). The total mails brought in came to 508 bags, of which 107 bags were from Home. Fifty bags were landed during the earlier part of the morning by motor boat, the postal launch not being available at the time. By the afternoon, the whole of the mails were landed, the Post Office staff sorting them as they came into the Post Office. By late afternoon letters were ready for collection.

LADY SEVERN BEREAVED.

DEATH OF HER MOTHER AT HOME.

The death occurred at Woodlawn, Oxford, on Sunday of Mrs. T. Lowndes Bullock, mother of Lady SEVERN. Deceased was a charming personality and during her visit to Hongkong in 1922 made many friends here.

Mrs. Bullock, who was born in Peking, was the wife of the late Professor T. L. Bullock, who was at one time in the Consular Service, and subsequently became Professor of Chinese at Oxford University.

Lady SEVERN left for Home on March 21st in response to a cablegram informing her of her mother's illness. The sympathy of the whole Colony will go out to Lady SEVERN in her sad loss.

ARE MISSIONARIES WANTED IN
CHINA?COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO STUDY
THE POSITION.

Rumours have been current to the effect that the missionaries who have recently come to Hongkong from the affected regions in China have been informed by members of the Chinese Christian Churches that the Chinese are now well able to look after themselves, and that the foreign missionaries need not return to their old spheres. A missionary of the London Mission, however, emphatically denied to a *Daily Press* representative yesterday that such a communication had been received.

At a meeting of missionaries at St. Paul's College Hostel yesterday it was stated that the Chinese Christian Churches were now in a position to stand by themselves if they so desired and if they wished missionary activity to cease, the foreign missionaries are prepared to leave.

The meeting was attended by about 150 missionaries from the province of Kwangtung and local missions were also represented. Mr. G. H. McNeur, (New Zealand Presbyterian Mission, Canton) presided.

The meeting was strictly private and what occurred was not divulged to the Press. It was, however, learned that no definite policy had been decided upon. The meeting was called for an interchange of information with regard to the situation. The need of a united policy has been felt and there was no distinction as to denomination or nationality in the representation of the meeting. At present there is no suggestion whatever of missionaries leaving China unless their furlough is due.

A small committee has been appointed to go into the position. Among the members are Dr. Creighton, of the True Light Middle School (American Presbyterian), Rev. W. W. Clayton (London Missionary Society, Canton), and the Rev. O. Shoop (United Brethren Mission, Canton).

BRITISH MISSIONARIES

ILL-TREATED.

MISSION PREMISES LOOTED.

OUTRAGES BY "RED" SOLDIERS.

It was announced in the *Daily Press* on July 16th that four British missionaries, two men and two ladies, had been wounded and roughly handled by soldiers of the famous Whampoa Cadet Corps at a place near Kityang.

Further details of this outrage are now supplied by our Swatow Correspondent. Writing under date of July 11th our correspondent says:

A very unhappy party arrived in Swatow this morning. Four English missionaries from Wakingfu, the Rev. Murdo Mackenzie, the Rev. Mr. Paton, Miss Gilchrist and Miss Starkey. It appears that about 4 o'clock in the afternoon of the 8th inst. a party of "Red" soldiers began to create a disturbance outside the gates of the mission compound. The Rev. Mr. Paton went out to investigate and was seized by the troops and badly manhandled; his clothes were torn from him and he was severely cut and beaten. In his extremity he called for help from the mission and Miss Starkey and Miss Gilchrist came out to share the same fate. The troops then looted and ransacked the whole mission property but did not touch the Rev. Mr. Mackenzie who was in bed with fever.

Finally the town elders persuaded the troops to desist and after they had moved off, the four unfortunate people were smuggled into a boat and down river to Kityang. Arriving there they were taken in by Dr. Leisher, of the American Baptist Mission, but before they had finished the hasty meal provided for them news came that the soldiers were again on their track.

Dr. Leisher hid the refugees in an out-house until the early hours of the morning and eventually gave them into a boat from which they transferred to a launch down river, arriving in Swatow very haggard and worn after their trying experiences.

These good people have all our sympathy and it is sincerely hoped that the date is not far distant when the perpetrators of this outrage will be brought to justice.

The missionaries themselves may hold the opinion that their aggressors "know not what they do." That, however, is not the general view of the British community here. We want to be assured that the criminals shall pay the penalty for their crime.

HONGKONG IN HOME NEWS.

"GOSSIP" IN LONDON PAPERS.

The attention of the people at Home is now being directed to Hongkong, and the Gossip writers in the London papers are getting busy. A writer in the *Star*, says, *inter alia*, "There is a touch of the bulldog breed about the declaration by Sir Reginald Stubbs, the retiring Governor of Hongkong, that he is 'going to see it through' before he comes home." Hongkong (which has been a British colony since 1841) signifies 'sweet waters' in the Chinese vernacular, but Sir Reginald doesn't find it so!

"A Londoner's Diary" of the *Evening Standard*, contains the following paragraph:—"It is reported that the Chinese house servants and the 'boys' in the hotels (in Hongkong) are going on strike. If this is so, I am sorry for European residents in Hongkong, which is a place with not much to recommend it except the Chinese servants, who, with their deft ways and noiseless gait, are admittedly admirable. It is often rather chilly in the winter and most abominably hot in the summer."

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.
[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]BRITISH NAVAL PROGRAMME.
CABINET STILL UNDECIDED

LONDON, July 20th.

The Cabinet has not yet reached a decision on the subject of the Admiralty programme for new construction. It is understood that Lord Birkbeck, Lord Salisbury and Mr. E. F. L. Wood are the chief protagonists of what the Admiralty regards as the irreducible minimum for cruiser construction.

The question is still being thrashed out by a sub-committee.

The Earl of Oxford referred to the matter in a speech at Midhurst, when he said that the proposed new cruisers would cost at least £2,000,000 apiece, and asked against whom they were to be built. The contention that they were replacements was, he said, all moonshine. It was the creation of a new aggressive fighting factor in the world's armaments at a time when there was not the faintest necessity for it. This was the last moment to select for adventurous naval programmes. He thought that it was little short of lunacy in the present state of mechanical science to indulge in prospective programmes based upon hypotheses which the future was very likely to demonstrate to be wholly baseless.

MINISTERS' RESPONSIBILITY.

Sir L. Worthington Evans, speaking at Dunmow, said, referring to talk of a split in the Cabinet on the subject of the Naval programme, that there were bound to be differences of opinion, but all the Cabinet Ministers felt their responsibility and would not take risks with the Empire.

It is noteworthy that the Fleet Order issued on July 18th contains the Admiralty's decision regarding 287 requests which were submitted at last year's Welfare Conference on behalf of the lower deck. The order declares that the requests, involving considerable charges on the public, cannot in the existing financial situation, be expected to achieve a favourable result, and are accordingly refused.

MURCHISON'S STATUS.

A.A.A. PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT.

LONDON, July 20th.

Sir Montague Shearman, President of the Amateur Athletic Association, made a statement on the question that has arisen as to whether the U.S. athlete, Murchison, forfeited his amateur status since leaving America by personally accepting expenses for appearing in athletic events in Germany. He said that the matter would be enquired into by the English Association and the Amateur Athletic Union of America.

FRENCH ELECTIONS.

LEFT BLOC DOING WELL.

PARIS, July 20th.

Elections took place yesterday all over France with the exception of the Paris area for the *Conseils d'arrondissement*. 1,127 results are so far to hand out of about 1,500 expected. They show that the Left bloc had lost one seat and won 66, of which 8 were won by Republicans and Radicals, and 43 by Radical-Socialists and 15 by Socialists.

The Conservative and Moderate Republicans have lost a total of 61 seats, and the Communists 4.

All Ministers standing were re-elected.

FRENCH IN MOROCCO.

RIFFS MOVING NORTH.

PARIS, July 20th.

According to telegrams from Fez, the Riff regular troops appear to be moving Northward, leaving the rebel tribesmen to carry on operations. The object of this movement is not yet apparent.

French aeroplanes are incessantly active between Fez and the front line, carrying up bombs, munitions, and food and bringing back wounded. It is stated that the French gave up the posts at Bab Hecila and Wedhamrim as they were isolated. The posts were destroyed.

French aeroplanes are steadily bombarding the abandoned French positions.

HOME COAL CRISIS.

LONDON, July 20th.

At a Court of Enquiry into the coal dispute, Mr. Macmillan announced that the Miners' Federation had refused invitations to attend the enquiry.

FRENCH NATIONAL LOAN.

PARIS, July 20th.

Subscription lists for 4 per cent. "Rentas Perpetuelles," with a guarantee against Exchange fluctuations were opened this morning. The issue is confined to holders of National Defence Bonds. The Government are undertaking a wide publicity campaign on the subject.

DAVIS CUP TENNIS.

MEXICO AND HOLLAND OUT.

MEXICO CITY, July 19th.

Spain has eliminated Mexico from the Davis Cup, winning all the Singles.

NOORDWYK, July 19th.

France has eliminated Holland from the Davis Cup, Lacoste and Brugnon beating Van Lennep and Diemerkoof, 6-1, 6-3, 6-4.

MEXICO CITY, July 20th.

Spain also beat Mexico in the Doubles in the Davis Cup. The Spanish players departed for the United States and will meet Japan at Baltimore.

TENNIS IN U.S.

SEABRIGHT, New Jersey, July 20th.

The Oxford and Cambridge lawn tennis team beat the Seabright Club by 5 matches to 2.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR ON STOCK EXCHANGE BUSINESS.

TIME IT WAS PLACED ON A SOUNDER FOOTING.

JUNE SETTLEMENT FIXED FOR JULY 23rd.

As was anticipated, the Ordinance dealing with the June Settlement passed its third reading at the meeting of the Legislative Council on Monday and became law. The settlement is to take place on July 23rd and the July settlement is due on the 28th inst.

It was announced in the *Daily Press* yesterday that the effect of the Bill would be to allow the resumption of business at the point where it was left off. Transactions will be carried through as though the Stock Exchange had not closed. Brokers, it is understood, agreed among themselves, for the purposes of the Settlement, to accept the prices of shares quoted on June 22nd—the day before the Exchange closed its doors—and to regard the payment of "differences" between such prices and the contract prices as a complete discharge of all obligations incurred by buyers. At the Council meeting the Hon. Mr. Alabaster, supported by the Hon. Attorney-General, endeavored to get the first part of this undertaking inserted in the Bill in order that there should be no question later regarding how "differences" were to be calculated. They thought it might save future litigation if it was stated definitely that the June 22nd prices were to be accepted. Their amendment, however, was not supported by any other member of the Council, and H.E. the Governor spoke strongly against it. His Excellency's opinion was, broadly, that the brokers might be left to settle such details themselves and he hinted that people generally would have too much common sense "to throw good money after bad" in litigation.

During the discussion very considerable doubt was expressed whether the Stock Exchange had any legal right to close. The members of the Exchange were presumably advised such right existed, but as H.E. the Governor remarked that might tend to show simply "that lawyers in this Colony were sometimes wrong."

In conclusion His Excellency said: "Quite apart from the difficulties caused by the strike I think it is notorious that there would have been great difficulty over the June settlement owing to the amount of gambling that takes place. I think it is high time the Stock Exchange business in this Colony should be put on a sounder footing than it has been. I think the experience of the last two or three years has shown that a certain amount of regulation is required and I propose when we have leisure to think about it, that we should take the matter again into consideration."

As soon as the third reading of the Ordinance had been moved and seconded, the Council went into Committee to consider the Hon. Mr. Alabaster's amendment.

Mr. Alabaster desired that the following should be added to Clause 3 of the Bill:—

"Provided that the measure of damages for any breach of any such contract shall be the difference between the contract price of any such shares and the closing price for the same on the 22nd day of June, 1925, together with interest on such difference at the rate aforesaid from the 23rd day of June, 1925, until payment."

IN CASE OF REPUDIATION.

The Hon. Mr. ALABASTER argued that the was not clear from Clause 3 that the buyer who repudiated his contract now would be placed in the same position as he would have been if he had repudiated his contract on June 22nd when the Stock Exchange did not open as it should have done. "If it is the policy of this Council," as I think rightly," he continued, "that there should be as little interference as possible with the law of contract in this matter, it is desirable that we should put the buyer if he repudiates now in exactly the same position as he would have been if he repudiated on June 22nd, that is, that he should pay the difference between the contract price and the ruling on the 22nd. The non-opening of the Stock Exchange on June 22nd was not due to the buyers' or sellers' fault. It was entirely an operation of the brokers, and the brokers should not gain by a postponement of the Settlement. Naturally everyone wanted to see what would happen, but now I think we must anticipate that certain of the buyers will repudiate and it seems fairer that they should pay the same rate of damages as if the repudiation had taken place at once."

POSSIBLE LITIGATION.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL supported the amendment. "So far as the buyer who is a principal is concerned," he said, "I think it is obvious that he had absolutely no control whatever over the action of the different Stock Exchanges in closing their doors, and therefore he ought not to be damaged by the postponement. Another point I would urge in favour of taking some definite date, or definite standard, is that it is possible we may have an enormous and an endless sea of litigation. It would be extremely difficult for any Court of Law or any jury when July 23rd comes to state what is a fair market rate for the shares. It seems to me, from every point of view, that it is desirable we should adopt in this Colony the only rate practicable—that is the closing rate on June 22nd. In that way parties will know, both buyers and sellers, where they stand and I think it will be generally conceded by members of this Council that certainty is of the greatest importance in a matter of this sort."

POSSIBILITY OF A STAMP.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR: It seems to me that the introduction of this amendment goes perilously near getting back to the Bill which we refused on Saturday. I find it difficult to believe that if the Stock Exchange had been able to open on June 22nd, which it could not do—people would have carried through their bargains at the prices ruling on June 22nd. I was informed that an attempt had been made to open the Stock Exchange on June 23rd the position would have been "a slump." Shares would have been thrown on the market and the Colony would have suffered a serious financial loss.

H.E. ON LAWYERS.

I would like, as a matter of interest, to mention that it appears to have been assumed that the postponement of the Settlement was an act, in some way, of the Government. What actually happened was that I was informed late on June 22nd that the brokers said it was impossible to carry through the Settlement and that any attempt

to do so would result in the consequences I have mentioned. I assumed, it appears wrongly, that the Stock Exchange was entitled to postpone the Settlement. I do not apologise for that error because it appears to have been shared not only by the members of the Stock Exchange, who definitely informed me that they had taken legal advice on the subject, but also by another legal adviser who allowed them to think that they were entitled to close. Afterwards the legal adviser discovered he was wrong. Lawyers in this Colony sometimes are wrong. Judging the position as it was described to me I said I had no objection to the closure. That completes the extent of my interference until the question of legislation came up. As I said on Saturday, I think the Government should interfere in this matter to the smallest extent possible and I think the best course we could have taken would have been to say in one clause "the postponement of the June Settlement is authorised," and leave all persons to discover what exactly the result was. The measure of damages, under these contracts, is a matter which I consider should be decided by the Law Courts if any one is so unwise as to wish to decide the matter in that way. But I cannot suppose that any one will be anxious to throw good money after bad in carrying on litigation in connection with these agreements, many of which, as we know, were not duly entered into.

I should imagine the brokers and their clients would have the good sense to compromise in a reasonable manner, or if the matter could not be dealt with in that way I think one test case would be sufficient to decide the lines on which damages might be assessed. For these reasons I do not advise the acceptance of the amendment now proposed.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL: One test case might decide the question in one particular class of shares. But there might be disputes over six or seven classes of shares.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR: As I have already observed, I am not familiar with the operations of the Stock Exchange, but I am sure that the brokers' benefits of assuming that they are reasonable men and men of common sense. And I do not think anyone is going to throw away good money on legal questions if they can find any reasonable method of compromise which might be regarded as typical of what should be done. Actions might be started in relation to different classes of shares but it is more likely that the Stock Exchange will rather go on with its normal business than spend its money on litigation.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

His Excellency then made the remarks quoted above concerning the advisability of putting the business of the Stock Exchange on a sounder basis. "In 1923," he remarked "the Government considered this matter with some care and suggested to the Chamber of Commerce that the time had come when it was desirable to put the Stock Exchange on a reasonable footing and to bring it as near as possible into line with the London Stock Exchange. The Chamber of Commerce for reasons which I have forgotten, if I ever knew them, objected and the proposal was not proceeded with."

Before the amendment was put to the Council, the Hon. Mr. KOTWALL said, as he was in a small way interested in the Settlement, he thought it desirable that he should not vote.

Hon. Mr. HOLYOAK: Does not this amendment represent the terms which Mr. Shenton, on behalf of the Stock Exchange, agreed to?

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL: It corresponds to the terms agreed by the brokers in a letter.

Hon. Mr. HOLYOAK: If the brokers have agreed to meet the Settlement in this way I do not see the need for legislation.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR: If they have agreed when it was desirable to put the matter into the Ordinance. If they have not agreed it seems to me the difficulties would remain in any case.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL: The brokers have agreed, but not necessarily the principals.

As stated, the amendment was lost only the motion and seconding voting for it.

The Council then resumed and the ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the third reading of the Bill.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded, and the Bill was read a third time and passed. Council then adjourned sine die.

THE HONGKONG STRIKE.
MORE MEN RETURNING.

The local strike situation was undoubtedly much improved yesterday, more men coming back to their jobs and asking to be reinstated. Many more have applied for their old positions at the Naval Yard, but a lot have lost their chance of re-employment because they are now called upon to pass a medical examination before they are taken back. For many of the older men this has meant rejection.

POLICE RAID ON IDLERS.

Police, assisted by the military, carried out a raid yesterday morning at Hung-hom, on houses usually tenanted by Kowloon Dock workers. A house-to-house search was made in Wuhu and Bulkeley Streets, and 69 men arrested, most of whom were former dock employees. When the cases have been investigated, those who are found to be strikers will be deported to Canton.

The raid was directed by Mr. P. P. J. Woodhouse (Captain Superintendent of Police), Mr. W. R. Scott (A.S.P.), and Mr. L. H. V. Booth (Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence).

SHIPPING.

At 9 a.m. yesterday there was a total of 94 vessels in the Harbour, of which 54 were British. There were four arrivals for the twenty-four hours ending at 9 a.m. yesterday and three departures, compared with eight arrivals and three departures for the previous twenty-four hours. Of the ships arriving in port during both periods, six were British, two American, two Japanese, one Dutch and one German.

Mails were carried during the week-end by the s.s. *Typhodas* from Batavia; s.s. *Fulda* from Bremen and Manila; s.s. *Hin Sang* from Sandakan; s.s. *President Pierce* from Manila and the s.s. *President Grant* from Seattle and Manila.

THE RIVER STEAMERS.

The *Tung On*, following her return from Kowloon on Sunday, has now resumed her Canton run, leaving Hong-kong yesterday morning for the port. She did not take up many passengers.

The Macao service has also been resumed, although very little passenger trade is being done. The boats operating are the *Sen Wing*, *Ko Chow*, *Hong Chow* and the *Chuen Chow*.

SANITARY DEPARTMENT.

On enquiry at the Sanitary Department yesterday, Mr. N. L. Smith (President of the Sanitary Board) stated that two of the department's launches were now in use and the remaining launch will be manned during the next few days. A large number of coolies, particularly in the Shaukiwan district, have asked to return to work, but as yet none of them have been reinstated. Mr. Smith stated that he might take them back in the course of the next few days but, if so, they would be taken on as new men.

FOOD SUPPLIES.

Mr. N. L. Smith, the Food Controller, informed the *Daily Press* yesterday that the slaughtering of pigs and cattle had been reduced during the last few days. Until recently 100 pigs and 80 cattle were slaughtered daily. The number has now been reduced to 50 pigs and 30 cattle.

Cattle and pigs in normal times have been shipped from the interior of China. Since the strike, however, there have been no supplies from this quarter and beasts have been brought into Kowloon from the New Territories and the outlying villages. A large number of pigs were brought to Kowloon on Sunday. There are ample supplies for Europeans.

All markets in Hongkong are now reopened, and the Kowloon and Yaumatei markets are being opened to-day. The hawking of pork, however, has not been totally prohibited because some of the rich Chinese have complained that owing to their servants leaving it has been difficult for them to get supplies. Pork sellers, therefore, are allowed to hawk meat in some of the Chinese residential districts.

GENERAL NOTES.

Dr. Tao, the Chinese Labour Controller, informed the *Daily Press* yesterday that the number of seamen who had applied to him for work had increased considerably during the last few days. Amongst them were French, deckhands and stewards. He supplied a Chinese shipping firm with 30 men on Saturday.

There are now nearly as many motor boats available on both sides of the Harbour as in pre-strike times, the charges being the same.

While there is no record of members of the Seamen's Union having returned to work, it is worthy of note that the crews of the s.s. *President Pierce* and the s.s. *President Grant* proceeded about their business without incident and the vessels were able to depart.

A large number of seamen have registered for work through the Labour Controller and various offices, but some have been recruited by the Government from the New Territories. However, there will shortly be nothing to hinder ships with cargo from getting away from their anchorage, and the *Hoi Ning* belonging to the Douglas Steamship Company, has already moved to the wharf for the purpose of taking in cargo, chiefly comprising American Naval stores.

The average number of coolies being supplied by the police daily for labour of various kinds, is now 1,500. The supply of coolies is quite sufficient to meet the demands.

PO HING FONG DISASTER.
WORK OF EXTRICATION STILL PROCEEDING.

The work of extricating the bodies of the victims of the terrible flood disaster at Po Hing Fong still continues unceasingly. Further dead bodies were recovered yesterday, but since the remarkable and gallant rescue of the thirteen years old Chinese girl in the early hours of Sunday morning no one has been recovered alive.

The more difficult part of the work has been reached and many heavy beams of wood have to be sawn through in order to clear the debris; while big sections of brick walls that have collapsed and have become firmly wedged and buried deeply in the earth were being dug out yesterday with pick and shovel.

Yesterday when a *Daily Press* representative visited the scene of the catastrophe, he found the members of the Fire Brigade hard at work. No praise could be too great for the splendid work that has been done by the Fire Brigade. They have attacked their grim task with resolution and yesterday the progress that they had made was remarkable. No one has worked harder and more willingly than Mr. Condon, the Station Officer at the Central Station, who has also noticeably encouraged the firemen under him.

The Indian and Chinese sections of the St. John Ambulance Brigade have performed invaluable services during the past few days and worked hard again yesterday. They have shown a marked sense of duty, despite their long spells of work. They are under the supervision of Mr. E. Ralphs (Assistant Commissioner).

Dr. G. H. Thomas, of the Tung Wah Hospital, and Mr. R. A. Smith (Sanitary Inspector) were also noticeable among those taking an active part in yesterday's operations.

Among those who visited Po Hing Fong yesterday were the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang and the Hon. Mr. McI. Messer. Other members of the Government have also visited the scene from time to time.

PROPERTY RECOVERED.

There has now been a considerable quantity of property taken out of the wreckage. This comprises furniture, household utensils and other effects, such as ornaments, tea services, etc., books, money and jewellery. The surprising thing is that while such heavy articles of furniture as couches and chairs have been damaged, such articles as cups and saucers, and even glassware, have in many cases not been even cracked. A dozen gramophone records excavated were not damaged at all, but a gramophone taken out was nearly unrecognizable. A pathetic sight is the many children's exercise schools books to be seen lying here and there.

A considerable amount of clothing has been recovered in excellent condition, except for dirt stains. All property recovered, which will be of any use whatever, is being stored in a nearby house ready for sorting and to be claimed by relatives of the deceased victims.

By yesterday afternoon the workers on the wreckage had reached the first floor and were attacking the region of the ground floor, but it is estimated that it will take at least another four days before anything like all the debris has been reasonably cleared so as to make certain that all the bodies buried underneath it have been recovered.

WORKERS' RESPIRATORS.

Up to the time of going to press last night 4 more bodies had been recovered, making the total: Dead, 61, and injured, 20. The first body recovered yesterday was that of a woman from No. 14, which after three hours work, was taken out at 1.15 a.m. The next discovery was made about 4 p.m. when another body of a woman was taken out from part of what was once No. 14. In the meanwhile the body of an amah had been found in No. 13 and after several hours work, which entailed the removal of tons of earth and sections of a brick wall, which were pinning her legs down, her body was removed. While this was in progress the body of a man, whose head was nearly touching the woman's body, was found and extricated.

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FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

UNREST IN THE NORTH.

BRITISH VESSELS FIRED ON.

SHANGHAI, July 20th.

A wireless message from Luchow, Szechuen, states that two vessels, escorted by H.M.S. *Tesol* from Chungking, have arrived for the purpose of bringing down foreigners from Chengtu and other parts of Szechuen.

The vessels were fired upon by Chinese troops on the way. H.M.S. *Tesol* replied. There were no British casualties.

JAPANESE WARSHIPS COLLIDE.

KURE, July 20th.

The destroyers *Tsuta* and *Kagi* collided during manoeuvres in the Bungo Canal on Saturday night. The former was slightly damaged, and returned for repairs.

FIGHTING AT SHENSI.

SUN YUEH'S REPORTED DEFEAT.

PEKING, July 19th.

The vernacular papers state that the headquarters of Marshal Tuan Chi Jui have received a wire from Shensi reporting that Sun Yueh's forces have been defeated, and that Wu Hsin Tien has entered Sianfu.

DOSSIER TRIAL SEQUEL.

FORTUNATOFF ABSCONDS.

SHANGHAI, July 20th.

Fortunatoff (a Russian doctor who was arrested on July 14th in connection with the Dossier trial, and allowed bail) did not appear in the Mixed Court this morning.

The police believe that he has left the town, and the Court ordered his bail to be forfeited, and a warrant to be issued for his arrest.

Gregorenko (a Roumanian, also a suspect in the same connection) was remanded pending Fortunatoff's arrest, with a reduced bail in \$2,500, which, however, was not found.

MOTOR ACCIDENTS.

MISHAPS TO LOCAL BUSES.

Police reports show that three accidents occurred during the week-end. An Aberdeen bus loaded with passengers overturned on the Pokfulam Road. The driver sustained a bruise on the left hand but all the passengers escaped without injury.

On Sunday afternoon, another bus owned by the same Company was badly damaged in an accident which occurred at the bottom of the Dairy Farm Hill near No. 10 Bridge. One passenger was removed to hospital suffering from a severe cut on the forehead. The driver and an inspector of the Company were taken into custody on a charge of negligent driving.

Passengers in a Hongkong Hotel bus at 2.30 on Sunday afternoon passed a car which had run off the road at Deep Water Bay and plunged into a low lying paddy field. The police, however, had received no report yesterday.

The firemen and voluntary workers were provided yesterday afternoon with cotton-wool respirators, soaked in chemicals, to wear while working in close proximity to the buried bodies. These had been made by Mrs. Burlington and other ladies connected with the Hongkong Police Force.

The bodies of Mr. Chau Siu Ki and the members of his household are still being retained at the Tung Wah Hospital and they will be transferred to the repository next week. Interment will take place at a later date.

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